



JAMES H. PARKINSON, M. D., PRESIDENT
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Dr. Parkinson was born in Dalkey, County Dublin, Ireland, October 28, 1859, his father being Henry Parkinson, barrister-at-law, and his mother, Henrietta Flood. Both his grandfathers were physicians and one granduncle, whose name is usually associated with Flood's interarticular ligament of the shoulder joint. He received his education at private schools passing the entrance examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, from Kingstown school. He then entered the Ledwich School of Medicine, Dublin, of which he was senior medical and senior surgical prizeman, and the Meath Hospital and County Dublin Infirmary, where he served as "Resident Surgical Pupil," obtaining the junior surgical prize. He assisted in the establishment of the National Orthopedic and Children's Hospital, Dublin, and later served as its first house surgeon. In April, 1879, he received the license of the Royal College of Surgeons at the age of nineteen and the following January the licenses of the Royal College of Physicians, in Medicine and in Midwifery. He also holds the diploma in midwifery of the Rotunda Hospital. Immediately after qualifying, he made several voyages to sea as ship's surgeon, serving in the firms of Lamport & Holt, Alfred Holt and the Canada Shipping Company. In 1882 he came to

California, settling in Sacramento, where he has since resided. In 1884 he was elected city physician and served for four years, during which time he was instrumental in establishing the present City Receiving Hospital. In 1893 he was appointed to the City Board of Health, and is still a member of that body, having been elected president in 1906. He was appointed a member of the State Board of Health in 1909. He is a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, serving as secretary and treasurer from 1884 to 1888 and being elected president in 1891 and of the Northern District Medical Society, serving as president in 1905. He was elected a member of the State Society in 1883 serving as assistant secretary for several terms and later being elected treasurer and then councillor. He joined the American Medical Association in 1884 being the "first member by application." He is also a member of the British Medical Association and of the Irish Medical Schools and Graduates Association.

In 1887 Dr. Parkinson founded the "Sacramento," later the "Occidental Medical Times," and continued as its editor until it ceased publication in 1904. Dr. Parkinson was elected president of the State Society in April, 1909, and president at the sessions at Sacramento, April, 1910.